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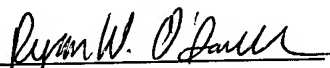
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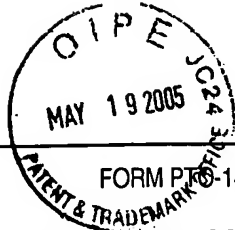
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	AF	5,348,525	09/1994	Buchanan				
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